GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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POLICY ON MANUFACTURE AND MARKETING OF DRUGS.
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to register brand names of drugs with their ingredients for the benefits of consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any policy on manufacture and marketing of drugs by Pharmaceutical companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when it is likely to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(e): Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder, every pharmaceutical company has to obtain a licence from the concerned State Licensing Authority to manufacture and market drugs. The Rules have prescribed detailed requirements in respect of the facilities to be provided by a drug manufacturer to obtain licence for manufacturing of drugs. The State Licensing Authorities while granting licence also approve the drug formulations along with the proposed brand, names. There is no requirement of separately registering these brand names of drugs under the Rules.